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LETTER DATED 19 MAY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and further to our letters, the most recent being our letter No. 108 of 16 May 1991, I have the honour to inform you of the barbarous crimes committed by the Iranians against Iraqi units in violation of the provisions of the cease-fire between Iraq and Iran, as follows:

First,

1. On 1 May 1991, 52 Iraqi corpses were found in the southern sector (map of Al-Sibah), and on 2 May 1991, 48 further corpses were found in the same sector (map of Al-Tahira).

2. Both groups had been executed collectively by Iranian infiltrators in the Kut Sawada district.

3. The hands of the martyrs had been bound behind their backs and they had been blindfolded and thrown face down on the ground collectively, next to one another.

4. Most of the wounds were concentrated in the region of the head; some of the corpses showed traces of exemplary punishment by being stabbed in the head with a large knife.

5. The martyrs had been stripped of their military clothes and all documents in order to prevent recognition.

6. The Iranians executed both groups in the last week of March 1991.

7. On 14 May 1991, two groups of corpses of Iraqi martyrs were found in the Al-Kushk al-Busra district in the southern sector (map of Al-Tahira). They had been executed by Iranian infiltrators from inside Iranian territory; they had also been executed collectively at two separate localities. The first group comprised 20 corpses; they had been killed and dragged to a

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communications trench; their hands were bound and they were blindfolded. The second group had been killed and covered with earth; among that group, 7 corpses were apparent and decomposing.

Second,

1. On 14 May 1991 at 1800 hours, an Iranian force estimated at the strength of an infantry regiment supported by a force of armour and armed personnel carriers was observed in the Ghuzil district of the central sector of Iraq; tank tracks coming from inside Iran were noted at a distance of 2 kilometres inside Iraqi territory in the above-mentioned district.

2. On 14 May 1991 at 2130 hours, the Iranians shelled Iraqi forward units near the new Qutaybah control post in the central sector with 81 millimetre cannons; 3 shells were fired. At 2230 hours on the same date, the Iranians shelled Iraqi unit positions near the old Al-Husayn control post in the above-mentioned sector with 60 millimetre cannons.

3. On 15 May 1991 at 1120 hours, the Iranians fired two tank shells in the direction of Iraqi units in the village of Fayruz Khan in the central sector of Iraq.

Third,

1. On 13 May 1991 at 0700 hours, seven Iranian infiltrators were arrested inside Iraqi territory by the people of the village of Al-Jisr in Balad Ruz district.

These fresh violations, which are added to the previous Iranian violations of the cease-fire between the two countries, of which you have been informed by previous notes, once again confirm the persistence of the Iranian Government in its deliberate endeavour to infringe the sovereignty and security of Iraq, and its repeated attempts to interfere in the internal affairs of Iraq. The Government of my country stresses once again the full responsibility of the Iranian Government for the damage caused to Iraq by these violations and for any future consequences thereof.

By informing you of these violations I request you to take whatever measures to stop them that may be stipulated by the principles and provisions of the Charter of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
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